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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN LNG SALES

REF: (A) ALGIERS 337, (B) STATE 29053

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE LYNE FEBRUARY 14 THAT BRITISH DO NOT INTEND RELEASE LNG DUE THEM UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS IN ORDER TO HELP ALGERIANS TO MAKE SPOT SALES TO U.S. REASON GIVEN IS THAT BRITISH HOLDING ALGERIANS TO TERMS AND PRICE IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTRACTS AND THAT ANY DEVIATION FROM CONTRACT TERMS WOULD ENCOURAGE ALGERIANS TO INSIST ON OTHER CONTRACT CHANGES. BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT LNG FOR U.S. SPOT SALES COMING FROM PRODUCTION EARMARKED FOR GAZ DE FRANCE. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD THAT DISTRIGAZ OF BELGIUM IS ANGRY BECAUSE ALGERIA NOT SHIPPING THEM THE CONTRACTED AMOUNTS WHILE MAKING SPOT SALES TO U.S.

2. SONATRACH VP AIT LAOUSSINE TOLD LYNE THAT SONATRACH WAS DOING U.S. A FAVOR IN MAKING SPOT SALES. HE WOULD NOT GIVE PRICE BUT SAID THAT SONATRACH COULD HAVE GOTTEN THREE TIMES AS MUCH. VISITORS FROM CONCH (SEE SEPTTEL)

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TOLD BRITISH THAT SALE PRICE WAS \$1.40 PER MILLION BTU AND THAT BUYERS WOULD MAKE A \$1 PROFIT ON EACH MILLION BTU.

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